

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A process for preparing a pharmacologically active compound, which comprises:
 - (a) preparing in *E. coli* a pharmacologically active compound comprising an IL-1ra, wherein said IL-1ra is fused to an Fc domain in *E. coli*;
 - (b) refolding ~~treating~~ the pharmacologically active compound with a copper (II) halide in a concentration of at least about 10 mM; and
 - (c) isolating the treated fusion molecule;
~~wherein the pharmacologically active compound is an IL-1ra protein.~~
- 2-3 (cancelled)
4. (original) The process of Claim 1, wherein the copper (II) halide is CuCl₂.
- 5-27 (cancelled)
28. (original) The process of Claim 1, wherein the Fc domain is an IgG1 Fc domain.
29. (cancelled)
30. (original) The process of Claim 1, wherein the Fc domain comprises the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.
31. (cancelled)